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Mason County: Boil-water advisory ends for Canal Mutual water system

OLYMPIA — Customers of the Canal Mutual Water System in north Mason County no longer need to boil their tap water.

The system now has adequate chlorine treatment, and tests show the water meets safe drinking standards.

Canal Mutual is one of three water systems placed on boil-water advisories last month after *E. coli* was found in their wells and in at least one private well in the area. Unusually heavy rains in early October are likely to blame for the contamination. Older wells and poorly built wells are especially vulnerable to contamination from water runoff. No illnesses have been reported in connection with this water contamination event.

The boil-water advisory for nearby Potlatch Beach Mutual water system was lifted earlier this month. Meanwhile, the state Department of Health still encourages Minerva Terrace customers to continue boiling their tap water until they're told the danger has passed. That advisory is likely to remain in effect for at least a month. Customers on the Minerva Terrace water system who have questions can call Mason County Public Utility District 1 at 360-877-5249.

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